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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/811,911	Applicant(s) NAGASE, TAKU	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kelton et al. (US 5,926,503).

Regarding claims 1 and 3, Kelton teaches a receiving apparatus (fig. 1) comprising: a rake reception section (112) to combine and output a plurality of reception signals obtained via different transmission paths (fingers output signals to combining means 116, col. 4, lines 6-14); a plurality of correlation integrators (211 and 212, col. 4, lines 15-19); and a path searcher (114) to search for the plurality of reception signals based on a correlative integration value calculated by said correlation integrator with respect to a reception signal (i.e., the integrator calculates data received from the output of the despreader, col. 4, lines 31-41), wherein said path searcher divides said plurality of correlation integrators (searcher 114 divides the integrators within the finger as integrator 211 and integrator 212) into groups in correspondence with the number of base stations to communicate with, assigns a base station to each of the groups, and controls said correlation integrators in each group so as to calculate a correlative integration value with respect to a reception signal from an assigned base station (col. 4, line 6 to col. 5, line 65 and col. 9, lines 12-55).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelton et al. (US 5,926,503) in view of Madhow et al. (US 6,175,587).

Regarding claims 2 and 4, Kelton teaches all the limitations above except the process of soft hand-over when the searcher divides the correlation integrators.

However, the preceding limitation is known in the art of communications.

Madhow teaches a radiotelephone having a rake receiver (such as the one disclosed by Kelton), the receiver circuits of the Rake receiver are assigned to sectors which are in soft handoff; in soft handoff the radiotelephone is in radio communication with at least two base stations, and each base station transmits the same data to the radiotelephone simultaneously (col. 4, lines 32-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to implement the technique of Madhow within the system of Kelton in order that Rake receiver fingers are assigned not only for the purpose of combining multipath, but also for the purpose of measuring interference parameters, and interference is suppressed on a finger by finger basis.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Nakagawa	US 2005/0147064	07/07/2005
Kakehi	US 7,133,439	11/07/2006
Kenney et al.	US 6,055,264	04/25/2000
Tomiyoshi et al.	US 6,628,733	09/30/2003
Keskitalo et al.	US 5,887,021	03/23/1999
Jitsukawa et al.	US 2003/0012267	01/16/2003

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean A. Gelin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7842. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

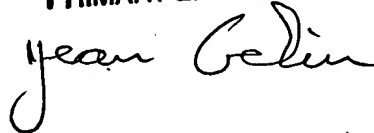
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on (571) 272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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JEAN GELIN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Gelin".